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Fort Stanwix  
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## Fort Stanwix Volunteer Opportunity

**Position:** Customer Service Assistant

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**Dates:** All year (including weekends)

**Suitable For:** Most Adults & College Age Students

**Difficulty Level:** Average to Difficult (*can involve prolonged standing*)



### Job Description:

This person works at the Marinus Willett Center or Fort/Gregg Barracks Information Desks, and is usually the first person visitors meet in the park. This person sets the tone for the visitors' experience during their visit to Fort Stanwix National Monument and the City of Rome.

### Duties:

- Greet park visitors
- Orient and inform park visitors about Fort Stanwix, partner sites, the City of Rome, and Oneida County
- Orient park visitors to events and programs
- Answer visitor questions
- Answer telephone calls
- Assist bookstore customers with purchase selections
- Wear a VIP vest over clothing or park issued VIP uniform shirt
- Announce programming to public as it is offered
- Monitor movie/video attendance
- Volunteer actively and on regular scheduled basis. *Suggested increments include: 1 day a week or 24 hours a month, for minimum of 5 months per year (in a row or spread throughout).*

### Basic Training Required:

- Orientation to Historic Fort Stanwix/Fort Schuyler w/annual re-fresher
- Introduction to the National Park Service: The History of the NPS
- Providing Good Customer Service
- Informal Interpretation/Foundations of Interpretation
- *Many others optional!*

### Knowledge/Skills Desired:

- Good communication/interpersonal skills
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups of people or willingness to overcome fears/shyness
- Reliability
- Willingness to learn about Fort Stanwix National Monument and other historic locales!
- Willingness to be a team player and work with others

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The farm had everything the family wanted, including a gentle climate and ample pasture for Mrs. Sandburg’s goat herd and seclusion for her husband’s writing. Carl Sandburg would call it home for 22 years. The estate had a long history—an ironic history for the biographer of Abraham Lincoln—for Christopher Memminger, who built the main residence around 1838, had served from 1861 to 1864 as Secretary of the Confederate Treasury. The second occupant was textile tycoon Ellison Smyth who named it Connemara to honor his Irish ancestry. Smyth’s heirs sold it to the Sandburgs. The Sandburgs moved from Michigan with their three daughters, two grandchildren, a library of more than 14,000 volumes, and the Chikaming goat herd.